

WiGS Organizational Meeting  
3 October 2012 from 2:30-3:30 PM in Foege S-448  
Recorded by Elyse Hope

Members in attendance: Leslie Emery (emeryl@uw.edu), Jen McCreight (jmccreig@uw.edu), Gennifer Merrihew (genn@uw.edu), Melody Palmer (mryner@u.washington.edu), Jenny Andrie (jmwagner@uw.edu), Elyse Hope (ehope@uw.edu)

- I. Event updates
  - a. Start-of-year brunch was successful, first-years seemed to enjoy
  - b. Retreat announcement went well – and after, Maitreya volunteered to be our liaison with faculty if needed
- II. Upcoming events
  - a. Bowling at the Garage – 8 RSVPs to Leslie
    - i. \*\*update from Elyse 10/8 – in attendance at the bowling event – Leslie Emery, Jen McCreight, Tanya Grancharova, Elyse Hope, Alex Hu\*\*
  - b. GS student/alumni mixer – Josh Burton hosting in Vista Café on Tuesday, 10/16, 6pm
    - i. No departmental funding from WiGS for this event
- III. Seminar speaker
  - a. Anne Stone is confirmed for November 14<sup>th</sup>; Elyse to contact Carlene to check on travel arrangements
  - b. When we take her out to meal, ask her what she likes; try to stick to around \$30 per person including tax, tip, glass of wine
- IV. Alternative career speaker
  - a. Becket Feierbach from Genentech will give our alternative careers seminar on Thursday, 11/29 at 3pm
  - b. Genn has reserved S060
  - c. Gathering with her – potential dinner Thursday evening? Lunch on Thursday at Agua Verde or Portage Bay?
- V. Treasurer update
  - a. Our budget has been reduced
    - i. We only have \$1800 allotted for a speaker
    - ii. Can't afford to fly out a policy speaker; can only afford to support travel for one speaker this year
    - iii. If we think of a policy speaker who really interests us, Melody will approach Nancy to see if it's a possibility
  - b. Could we become an official student group or club and get funding from the University?
  - c. Would old-fashioned fundraising be helpful?
  - d. Nancy wants us to record the number of people coming to each event
    - i. Low turnout last year for alternative career speaker – was possibly at a bad time, during other job talks
  - e. Can still afford 3 speaker lunch events, small events like bowling
- VI. Policy speaker
  - a. Though we can't necessarily afford one, there were a few ideas
    - i. Eugenie Scott, physical anthropologist, evolution education
    - ii. Elizabeth Marincola, President of Society for Science and the Public, education outreach

- iii. Jo Handelsman, Yale, author of resume bias paper
- VII. Alumni speaker
  - a. Not having an official alumni speaker this year
- VIII. Panel topics
  - a. Jen to organize panel
  - b. Ideas –
    - i. Graphic design for scientists; Illustrator (Maitreya to give?)
    - ii. Recycle events?
      1. Bob's well-received equal pay day talk from a couple of years ago on how to negotiate your salary
      2. Jay – how to give chalk talks
      3. Interviews in science?
- IX. Outreach
  - a. Might get involved with Expanding Your Horizons, outreach with junior high-age girls
    - i. Jen Lachowiec has been involved in the past
    - ii. Leslie to look into it
- X. Organization
  - a. There are "how-to" documents about various aspects of WiGS organization
  - b. Leslie to pass to Jen, maybe share on Google docs